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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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VIAGRA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian substitute for Viagra has been cleared by the Drug Controller of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how it compares with the imported stuff in quality and cost?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Approval has been given to 10 manufacturers for manufacturing Sildenafil Citrate and its formulations, popularly known as `Indian Substitute of Viagra`.

(c) Quality-wise Indian formulations matches with the imported one, as they have undergone clinical trial, bio-equivalance study and Chemical testing in the laboratory. Cost-wise, Indian formulations are available at price Rs.12 per tablet for 25 mg., Rs.18 per tablet for 50 mg., and Rs.27 per tablet for 100 mg respectively.